

The pending claims are similar to claims allowed or issued in parent applications or patents except each claim is directed to a plant package comprising a covering and a pot with a floral grouping rather than just to a covering.

For example, claim 1 is similar to claim 1 issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,499,253, except the claim herein is directed to a plant package instead of only a covering for a pot.

Claim 5 is similar to claim 1 in U.S. Patent No. 6,418,662, except the claim is directed to a plant package rather than to a covering for a pot.

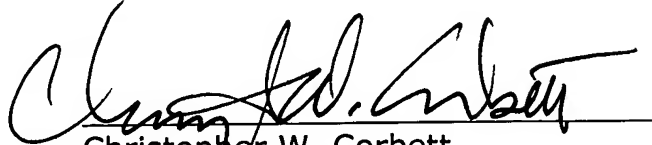
Claim 9 is similar to claim 1 in U.S. Patent No. 6,192,625 except the claim is directed to a plant package rather than to a covering for a pot.

Claims 13 and 15 are similar to claims 1 and 3 in U.S. Patent No. 5,956,898 except the claim is directed to a plant package rather than to a covering for a pot.

**Conclusion**

Applicant hereby respectfully requests an examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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